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In re Application of  
Donald S. Feuer  
Application No. 09/479,736  
Filed: January 7, 2000  
Attorney Docket No. CEN2-BH43

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 13, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed May 17, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 18, 2002.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$460 extension of time submitted with the petition on December 13, 2002 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

This application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity with a continued prosecution application (CPA) filed on December 13, 2002.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2662 for further processing.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Latrice Bond". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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